

Keep this in your car with your auto insurance and registration papers.

## WHAT TO DO IF INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT

1. **STOP IMMEDIATELY.** Call the police. Do not move your car unless it is dangerous to leave it in place.
2. **KEEP CALM.** Don't argue, don't accuse anyone or admit guilt.
3. **TURN YOUR PHONE ON & RECORD VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO AT ALL TIMES** while you are speaking to other people involved or witnesses in case anyone later disputes what you or anyone else said. Tell the police you are more comfortable with your recorder on.
4. **SECURE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS,** make and models of other cars involved.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH** all cars involved. Attempt to capture more than one vehicle in the same frame to show the orientation of each with the other.
6. **SECURE NAMES & ADDRESSES** of other drivers, witnesses & injured persons.
7. **TAKE PHOTOS OF DRIVERS' LICENSES** and insurance cards if you can, the police report may not be ready for weeks or more.
8. **DON'T HASTILY MAKE OR ACCEPT AN OFFER TO SETTLE** at scene of accident.
9. **FILE A WRITTEN REPORT** with local or state police, if police did not come to the scene – it may be required by local law.
10. **GET MEDICAL TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY,** if warranted. If unable to, do seek treatment later that day or the next day or two if pain persists.
11. **NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.** Confirm whether you have Collision coverage and either Medical Payments, Personal Injury Protection, No Fault or Basic Reparations coverage.



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